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Guidelines for Declassification Review of USMACTHAI Records at NARA

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NOTE:

This guideline has been coordinated with the IROs in the DO, DI, DS&T, and DDA as well as with DO/IMS/FPLG.

Also attached FYI is a copy of the request letter from NARA.

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Mr. Edwin A. Thompson
Director, Records Declassification Division
National Archives and Records Administration
Room 18-W, National Archives Building
Eighth Street & Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20408

Dear Mr. Thompson:

Your letter of June 16, 1987 requested the CIA to provide you with guidelines that could be used to identify and protect CIA information during the declassification review of U.S. Army records from Thailand (USMACTHAI) created during the period of the Vietnam conflict. Enclosed are the CIA guidelines for this purpose. If we can be of further assistance to you in this matter, please do not hesitate to call on us.

Sincerely,



William F. Donnelly
Deputy Director
for
Administration

Enclosure: CIA Guidelines for
USMACTHAI Records

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June 16, 1987

Chief
Classification Review Division
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Dear Stan:

About a month ago I met with you briefly to inform you that the National Archives and Records Administration would shortly be accessioning the records of the war in Southeast Asia. The Department of the Army has now formally transferred title and custody of these records. They are located at the Washington National Records Center in Suitland, Maryland.

The records of the combat and support units operating in Vietnam have been reviewed and declassified with few exceptions by the Department of the Army reviewers over the past six years. These records are being further processed and described by NARA personnel with the intention of opening them to the public over the course of the next few years.

The Army also did some preliminary arrangement of records of U.S. Army elements in Thailand during the Vietnam conflict. A copy of the Army's description of the records involved, nearly 100 cubic feet of material, is enclosed. The Thailand records were not reviewed by the Department of the Army for declassification. Declassification review of these records will be the first assignment of the Records Declassification Division.

In order to conduct the necessary declassification review, it will be necessary to have the best possible guidance on the remaining security sensitivities of your agency which might be found in these records. You are invited to have experts from your staff examine the records involved in order to prepare the necessary declassification guidance.

Tom Hohmann, Supervisory Archivist in the General Archives Review Branch of the Records Declassification Division, will arrange to have the records made available to your expert for examination. He can be reached at 763-4623. Please call Mr. Hohmann or me (523-3165) if there are any further questions.

Your prompt attention to the development of declassification guidance will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Edwin A. Thompson".
EDWIN A. THOMPSON
Director
Records Declassification Division

Enclosure